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SUBJ: US LABOR PRACTICES WITH REGARD TO CRIMINALLY CHARGED EMPLOYEES

- 1. PERSONNEL OFFICERS OF GIANT SA CONGLOMERATE ANGLO-AMERICAN CORPORATION HAVE REQUESTED ADVICE CONCERNING US LABOR-INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN CASE OF EMPLOYEE WHO IS CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL ACTION NOT RELATED TO CONDUCT AT WORK AND/OR ARRESTED OR DETAINED BY POLICE.
- 2. INQUIRY IS RELATED TO DEBATE WITHIN ANGLO-AMERICAN OVER WHETHER OR NOT TO DISMISS EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN DETAINED BY SAG UNDER SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT. UNDER THIS ACT OR CERTAINLY UNDER INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, SAG IS NOT REQUIRED BY LAW TO STATE SPECIFIC REASONS FOR DETENTION OR TO BRING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDIVIDUAL TO TRIAL. ACCORDING TO ANGLO-AMERICAN, LAW DOES NOT PERMIT IT TO SUSPEND EMPLOYEE WITH PAY.

3. ANGLO-AMERICAN'S QUESTION IS THEREFORE WOULD US COMMON LAW PRINCIPAL OF "INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY" NORMALLY BE APPLIED BY US EMPLOYER IN CASE OF EMPLOYEE WHO IS ARRESTED BUT NOT BROUGHT TO TRIAL OR WOULD HIS DETENTION

CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL?

4. ACTION: CAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE LEGAL OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON US PRACTICE IN SUCH CASES FOR TRANSMITTAL TO ANGLO-AMERICAN? JOHNSON

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